

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** many of us take communication for granted, but illness or injury makes speaking and hearing a challenge for many Americans; and

**WHEREAS,** by impairing communication, speech, language, and hearing disorders can limit academic achievement, social adjustment, and career advancement; and

**WHEREAS,** audiologists and speech-language pathologists are professionals who specialize in the identification and treatment of communication disorders, conditions that affect millions of Americans; and

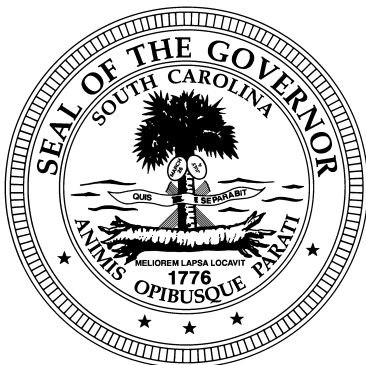
**WHEREAS,** with early diagnosis and proper treatment, most people with communication disorders can lead full and productive lives; and

**WHEREAS,** each year during the month of May, audiologists and speech-language pathologists throughout South Carolina and the nation make a special effort to inform, educate, and raise public awareness of speech, language, and hearing disorders.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 2007 as

### BETTER HEARING AND SPEECH MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to ensure that people with speech, language, and hearing disorders have access to quality services to help them communicate effectively.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

**MARK SANFORD**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**